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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is a response to the Final Office Action mailed September 3, 2008 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

No additional fee is required.

| NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | EXTRA PRESENT | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
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| TOTAL | 17 | MINUS | 22 | * = 0 X (\$25 SE or \$50) | \$0 |
| INDEP. | 2 | MINUS | 4 | ** = 0 X (\$105 SE or \$210) | \$0 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | X (\$185 SE or \$370) \$0 |
| * not less than 20 ** not less than 3 | | | | | TOTAL \$0 |

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.